HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 469

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Nashville Bar Association for its May 5, 2017, luncheon event in honor of Law Day 2017.

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Congress, by joint resolution, designated May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize the importance of the rule of law in our society and the importance of the legal process in safeguarding the freedoms enjoyed by all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to democracy that all citizens understand the laws that govern their society and protect their liberty; and

WHEREAS, Law Day is celebrated by bar associations across the nation and the State through events designed to educate youth and adults on the legal system and how the rule of law affects their lives; and

WHEREAS, each year the American Bar Association chooses a theme for Law Day to underline the importance of a particular aspect of law; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Law Day theme is "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy"; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment constitutionally defined United States citizenship and provided that any person under a state's jurisdiction be awarded equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, understanding the Fourteenth Amendment is pivotal to understanding what it means to be an American and how foundational equality and justice are to liberty; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to recognize the particular efforts of the Nashville Bar Association to celebrate this annual event in 2017 with their luncheon on May 5, 2017, where the keynote address will be delivered by the Honorable Davidson County Juvenile Court Judge Shelia Calloway and special awards will be presented to the Honorable Todd Campbell and the Honorable Dawn Deaner; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the Nashville Bar Association for its May 5, 2017, luncheon event in honor of Law Day 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.